

# STATUTES AND LEGAL TASKFORCE WORK PLAN

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## **STRATEGIC ISSUES**

Currently, Missouri law reflects the many agencies that provide employment and training programs. In order to unify these fragmented programs into the new Workforce Development System, Missouri statutes and regulations must be reviewed so that recommendations can be made to the Missouri General Assembly.

## **DESIRED OUTCOMES**

A successful Statutes and Legal Plan will result in:

- Approval by the Missouri General Assembly; and
- Appropriate statute references to the new Workforce Development System providing employment and training services.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- 1. Statute evaluation - review all chapters relating to the various state agencies providing employment and training programs that will be consolidated into the new Workforce Development System.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce has identified Missouri statutes referencing employment and training programs relating to the new Workforce Development System.*

- 2. Review contracts currently in place between state agencies and between state agencies and private sector to determine necessary modifications.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce has recommended that all contracts currently in place / continue with successor clauses.*

- 3. Review the Missouri Register for all areas relating to the various state agencies providing employment and training programs that will be consolidated into the new Workforce Development System.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce researched the Missouri regulations that will be affected by this transition and has concluded that no substantive changes will be necessary but that some clean up work may need to be done to reflect the transferst.*

- 4. Identify all current waivers within the various state agencies providing employment and training services.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce referred this issue to the One-Stop Career Center Taskforce.*

- 5. Draft language for necessary statute revisions.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce is currently working to prepare draft Missouri statute revisions necessary to implement the transition.*

- 6. Draft language for necessary revisions to the Missouri Register.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce has concluded that there are no substantive changes to the regulations.*

- 7. Draft language needs to be created to add the new Workforce Development System under the Department of Economic Development.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce is currently working to prepare draft Missouri statutes that will create the Division of Workforce Development.*

- 8. Provide information to the U.S. Department of Labor for federal compliance review on statute changes necessary to consolidate statewide employment and training programs.**

*The Transition Team will submit draft statute revisions to the U.S. Department of Labor for compliance review.*

- 9. Does the Department of Economic Development provide information to the U.S. Department of Labor on statute changes periodically, for federal compliance issues?**

*The Department of Economic Development complies with federal regulations relating to the Job Training Partnership Act.*

- 10. Does the Department of Social Services provide information to the U.S. Department of Labor on statute changes periodically, for federal compliance issues?**

*This issue is not relevant to the consolidation of employment and training programs within the Departments of Labor and Industrial Relations and Economic Development.*

- 11. Review draft waivers prepared by the new Workforce Development System, before submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce will review draft waivers before submission to the U.S. Department of Labor.*

- 12. Draft contracts may be necessary if the federal funding streams are not combined.**

*The Statutes and Legal Taskforce will prepare the necessary contracts in order to complete the transition.*